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Sir:

This is a timely reply to an Office Action dated July 5, 2005. As no claims have been added, the number of independent claims remains unchanged, and no extension fee is required, no fees are enclosed herewith. If any additional fee is due, please charge the fee to deposit account no. 07-1732.

AFFIRMATION OF ELECTION

The Applicant hereby affirms the provisional election made by telephone on June 24, 2005 to prosecute claims 1-19.